123. The departmental collection of hirda in the Sátára division was not so large as last year, the crop having been considerably damaged by heavy rain in October and November 1894. 775 khandis, 2 maunds and 24 lbs. were collected at a cost of Rs. 5,631 and realised Rs. 12,799. Shikakái produced Rs. 800 and all other minor products, as per Form No. 58, produced Rs. 995.

124. In the Sholápur division earth and stones, and fruit, and Shindi leaves were the only articles of minor forest produce which were sold.

CHAPTER III.

GROSS YIELD AND OUTTURN OF FOREST PRODUCE.

I.—DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS.

(*a*).—TIMBER.

125. A comparative statement of the timber exploited departmentally from the forests with the cost of the operations and the revenue realized therefrom for the two years offers the following differences :—

Division.	1893-94.			1894-95.		
	Timber in Cubic feet.	Cost.	Receipts.	Timber in Cubic feet.	Cost.	Receipts.
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
East Khándesh	16,045	1,158	12,760	15,997	1,031	8,644
West Khándesh	141,608	4,195	72,454	142,386	4,130	61,538
Násik	11,802	115	754	...	...	156
Ahmednagar	42,705	976	6,806	41,760	1,063	5,648
Poona	15,818	558	3,172	92,965	3,475	7,489
Sátára	19,132	1,470	14,084	21,586	2,123	15,174
Sholápur	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	247,110	8,472	1,10,030	3,14,694	11,822	98,649

Departmental operations in the East Khándesh division were carried out to a smaller extent, and the selling rate of teak poles was about 8 per cent. lower than last year.

In the West Khándesh division 142,386 teak pieces of timber were exploited from the forests of seven ranges; and 39,145 remained in stock unsold in the Akráni and Shirpur ranges at the end of the year.

The only work undertaken in the Násik division was the felling of timber on forest boundary lines, the cost being charged to demarcation, and the revenue realized, Rs. 156, is on account of the sale-proceeds of 4,860 cubic feet of balance from last year.

2,350 teak pieces and 1,091 Jámbhul rafters were taken for use as posts for wire fencing compartments in the Ahmednagar forests.

Of the teak timber felled in the Haveli range 9,143 pieces found no purchasers; and a considerable quantity of timber was used for wire fencing in the Poona division.

From the forests of 13 ranges of the Sátára division 21,586 cubic feet of timber were brought to depôt at a cost of Rs. 2,123, and with the balance in stock from last year of 1,126 cubic feet were offered for sale, 22,659 cubic feet being disposed of, and 53 cubic feet being left.

2,146 trees yielding 3,916 posts were felled and brought out of the Sholápur forests for use for wire fencing reserved forests.

(*b*).—Firewood and Charcoal.

126. The following Statement furnishes the comparative transactions of 2 years :—

Division.	1893-94.			1894-95.		
	Firewood. Cubic feet.	Cost.	Receipts.	Firewood. Cubic feet.	Cost.	Receipts.
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
East Khándesh	602,100	3,624	15,806	729,495	4,833	12,392
West Khándesh	490,210	2,679	13,086	434,222	2,342	11,761
Násik	55,759	250	1,412	1,395	11	21
Ahmednagar	58,822	1	604	44,579	...	404
Poona	42,134	220	1,150	127,240	1,002	3,003
Sátára	502,007	3,598	5,695	779,532	5,430	8,668
Sholápur	2,478	14	261	3,180	15	274
Total ...	1,753,510	10,386	38,014	2,119,643	13,633	36,523

In the East Khándesh division the firewood came from the regular coupes in the Bábool forests of the Edlábád and Bhusával ranges, and the mixed forests of Jámner and Chálisgaon, and from clearing 813 acres of disforested lands at Virvada in Chopda. The selling price of firewood had declined greatly and was very low.

In the Dhulia forests Anjan, Hardwickia and in the Nizámpur forests Khair, Acacia catechu, were the chief trees which produced the firewood sold in the year, in the West Khándesh division. Some 4,238 cubic feet remain in stock in the Akráni and Shirpur ranges.

All the firewood of the Násik division was felled on forest boundary lines in the Málegaon and Nándgaon ranges.

The loppings of the timber trees have furnished the firewood sold in the Ahmednagar Division.

Several coupes of the Bábool forests of the Poona Division which could not be sold for purchasers to fell and remove the trees were worked departmentally.

In the Sátára division 779,532 cubic feet were felled during the year and with 77,039 were put into the market when 832,671 cubic feet were sold, leaving 23,900 cubic feet in stock.

(*c*).—Bámboos and (*d*).—Sandalwood.

127. There were no Bámboo and sandalwood operations.

(*e*).—Grass and Other Minor Produce.

128. Hirdas, the fruit of the Terminalia chebula, is the only article worked departmentally with the following results :—

Year.	Yield.	Price.
	K. m. lbs.	Rs.
1893-94	1,553 21 24	27,987
1894-95	781 7 10	16,115

The year was a bad one for Hirdas, and the harvest was deficient.

II.—REMOVAL OF PRODUCE BY PURCHASERS.

(*a*).—Timber.

129. A comparison between the two years is as under :—